



Silver economy

Description

What is silver economy:

- Silver economy refers to the economic activities, products, and services focused on older adults, typically those aged 60 and above. Examples in the silver economy include elderly-specific health insurance policies, digital literacy training programs for senior citizens, senior-friendly travel agencies, and senior housing communities.

Importance of the silver economy:

- More people are living longer due to better healthcare and improved living standards, making seniors a significant group in the economy. As of 2024, India's elderly population, defined as individuals aged 60 and above, is approximately 15.6 crores. By 2050, the elderly population is expected to reach 34.7 crores, which is 20.8% of the population.
- With so many older adults, there's a huge opportunity to cater to their needs. Many seniors have pensions, savings, and disposable income, making them active and influential consumers. The Silver Economy in India is currently valued at over ₹73,000 crore and is projected to grow even further in the coming years.

Challenges in the Silver Economy:

- Discrimination based on age can prevent older adults from fully participating in the workforce or society, limiting their opportunities for work. This can also limit disposable income for some older people, reducing their ability to spend on products designed for elders.
- While there is a growing market for senior-friendly products, some industries may face challenges in meeting the unique needs of the ageing population, particularly in areas such as technology, transportation, and entertainment.

A woman with glasses, wearing a light-colored top, is sitting at a wooden table in a library, reading a document. The background shows bookshelves filled with books. The text 'SILVER ECONOMY' is overlaid in large white letters on the image.

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Conclusion:

The silver economy presents both significant opportunities and challenges as the global population ages. With an increasing number of older adults, there is a growing demand for products, services, and innovations tailored to their needs. By taking advantage of the opportunities and overcoming the challenges, societies can create a more inclusive and supportive environment for older adults, allowing them to continue contributing to the economy while enjoying a high quality of life. Preparing for the silver economy is essential for creating a

future that recognizes and meets the needs of an ageing population.

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